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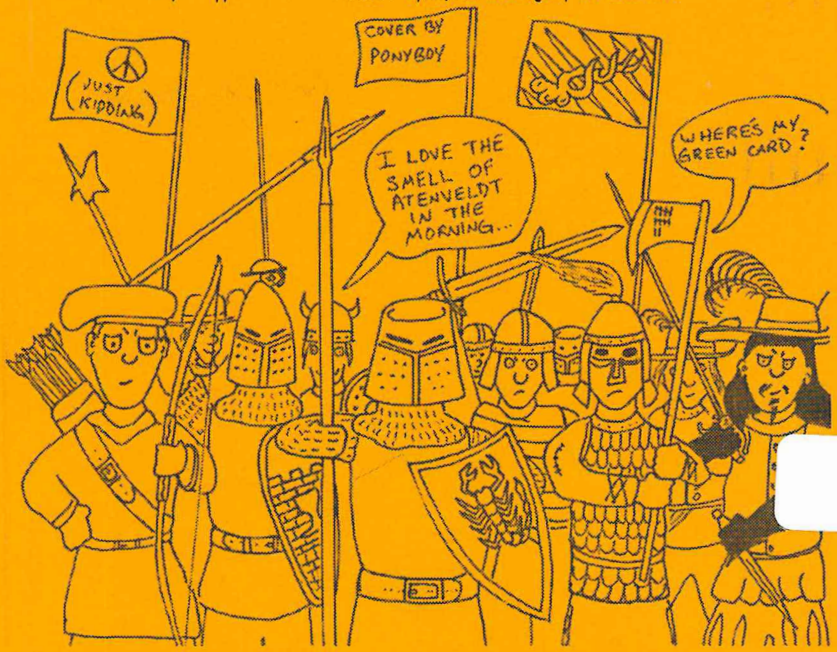

The cooks rise before the dawn,
Preparing the morning fires.
The troops need a hardy meal.
The Outlands has gone to war.

The heralds start their grim quest,
Walking among the many camps
And waking the sleeping troops.
The Outlands has gone to war.

Grab your buckler, and your shield,
Rapiers, axes, swords, and spears.
Don your armor and your helms.
The Outlands has gone to war.

Archers string your long bows,
Grab your quivers of arrows,
And fill the heavens with death.
The Outlands has gone to war.

The King has called for muster
Drums yield a bewitching sound.
The troops begin to gather.
The Outlands has gone to war.

But the King knows it takes more
Than fighters to win a war,
It takes the camp cooks and archers
When the Outlands goes to war.

The King knows that He must have
Artisans and heralds.
He needs the Kingdom?s support
When the Outlands goes to war.

"The Outlands Has Gone to War"
written by OEngus of Greymist

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY	
11-16	ESTRELLA WAR**
28	AL-BARRAN SCIENCE FAIR**
MARCH	
20	GRAND OUTLANDISH CLEAN UP**
20	A&S PAST TIMES *Scorpions Hollow*
27	HERALDS & SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM**
27	HERALDS & SCRIBES COURT DANCE BALL**
APRIL	
3	SWORDED AFFAIRE**
10	GRAND OUTLANDISH CLEAN UP**
24	ROESSELSPRUNG**

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings unto the noble populace from Sir Trevor and the Honorable Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran.

We welcome Their Excellencies Kronos and Catherine of Caerthe, and Their Excellencies Roger and Constance of the Citadel, as new barons and baronesses of their respective baronies. We hope they can experience the same joy and marvel we have during our reign.

War is rapidly approaching. Please make sure your gear is in good repair. The Adenveldt weather can be unpredictable, so it's best to be prepared for the worst. If you are interested in a Guido or Cordon Scorpion, please submit your petition soon, so we can know how many to prepare.

We thank Gabriel of the College of Blaiddwyn for autocratting such a fine event as Winter Wolf. There were many, many great classes to attend, and a fabulous feast as well. Huzzah to your efforts, and also to all those who helped make the event a success.

There will be no Citizen's meeting this month as many of us will be just returning from War on the regularly scheduled date. We will resume with our regular citizen's meetings in March.

We are greatly looking forward to the upcoming Science Fair, Herald's and Scribes Symposium, and Roesselsprung (equestrian tournament) in the coming months.

Safe journeys!

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From the Waterbearer

Greetings and Merry Met

It is that time of year again that we travel far from home to go to WAR!! Remember it is much dryer there, even if you do not feel as though you have lost fluid DRINK and then drink some more (water that is). Go out make new friends, find out ones, and rekindle old flames.

Have fun and return home safe.

In Service to the Dream
Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Chronicler

Greetings al-Barran-ians and Blaiddwyn-ians,

Work on the phone directory is still ongoing, the plan is still to have it in the mail shortly after Estrella War. If you still need to get your listings updated, my contact information is listed on page 2; I will try and be at the park on February 1st and February 8th, barring cold, windy weather.

For all who have asked me these questions in the past here are the long answers to these questions.

-*When are articles/letters due?* Articles are due one week after the monthly Citizen's meeting, which is the fourth Tuesday of each month.

-*How long can an article/letter be?* The Baronial Shaft is printed in 8 point fonts; a half page article runs about 150 words and a full page article runs about 300 words. I will usually run half page event articles for the two months before the month of the event. A full page article will then be run (if I have one sent to me) in the newsletter of the month that the event falls in.

-*What if an event happens early in the month before the Baronial Shaft is printed?* I try and plan for that in the month before the event so that a full page article will go into the previous month's newsletter.

Thank you,
Lady Kathws

Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:
Outlands War Poem written by the Windhover Bard, Lady Elaisse de Garrigues
The Outlands Has Gone to War written by Oengus of Gremist
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Web Sites
Al-Barran's website: http://www.al-barran.org Outlands' website: http://www.outlands.org
Blaiddwyn's website: http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html SCA's website: http://www.sca.org

Grand Outlandish News

Grand Outlandish! It is coming up sooner then you think. If you need any information about volunteering please contact Aziza at 256-4568. Volunteering in a great way to get involved, meet new friends and hang out with old ones.

Would you like to have a reserved camp spot? All you have to do is come to all the clean up weekends and help out. The dates are listed below and any questions about clean up can be directed to Cristobal at 839-7302

Outlandish Clean up Weekend Dates
March 20th April 10th May 1st

Put them on your calendar and plan on joining the fun.

See you there,
Aziza

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Equestrian Attend!
The end of April will see a glorious Equestrian Tournament and the summer will bring many wonderful days of horse play. We have arranged to have horses available for those who wish to prepare for the Tournament, or just want to improve their skills. We will be practicing for Jousting and Mounted Combat. This will be great fun so plan on joining us. For more information, please contact Dubheasa (Kari) at 730-3999 or Aziza at 256-4568.

Practice Dates are; starting at 11:00 am:
Feb. 21-22 March 6-7, 20-21 April 10-11, 17-18

From the Bard of al-Barran

Hello to all bards, storytellers, jongleurs, troubedours and populace of al-Barran,

Just a brief note. We are holding song practice at my apartment on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm till whenever. If you would like directions please contact me at 268-4994 or you can e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com . I will give you directions. I will not be able to attend on the third Tuesday of each month because of citizens meeting. Thomas de Carisbourg is my roommate and he will probably be here. Please everyone is welcome. If you have a song you like to learn or teach please bring it. We have a great many songs as well.

I would like to let everyone know that we are making a CD called "al-Barran sings" and I would like to get as many people from the barony on it. So come sing for just one song. Song practice is not going to be held again until the second Tuesday after war.

Thank you
Tancred

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greetings to all,

Due to mundane home repair woes I will be unable to attend War. Lady Dalia d'Auria will be taking my place as liaison for the A&S competition. You can contact her at dwagner@mercury.bernco.gov or by phone at 203-3055 to make arrangements for your entries. All the information about Arts at War can be found at www.estrellawar.org/a_s_comp.html Just in case the information does not end up in this publication

Winter Wolf was great fun and the feast was so good I could not believe the theme was Lenten dishes. Food that good makes me thinks of converting well done Blaiddwyn!!

Coming up in arts:

-Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196
-Singing with Lord Tancred. tancred@mindspring.com 268-4994
Tuesday nights at 6:30
-Armor workshops with Master Tore
Thursdays from 6:pm until 9:00 call Tore at 281-5694 for details.
-West Side Project schedule
No new schedule
-Sewing Circle Schedule THL Ash 764-8131
No new schedule

Estrella War February 11th-16th
Saturday 14th Registration 8:00am-10:45am
Populace viewing 9:45am-10:45am
Judging 11:00am-5:00pm
Populace viewing 5:00pm-5:30pm
Pick up entries 5:30pm-6:00pm

al-Barran Science Fair February 28th
Project display competition
Classes

A&S Past Times March 20th Scorpions Hollow Ylaria 505-763-9503

Heralds & Scribes March 27th al-Barran Maria 505-277-5522
Lots and lots of classes

Sworded Affaire April 3rd al-Barran Emer 293-1206
Lot's of classes contact above for information

Kingdom A&S competition Caer Galen Jeanne-Marie 303-702-3915
There should be a web site soon for information

Pre-registration will be required

Lady A'isha

Estrella War XX!

The Barony of al'Barran goes to WAR!

Outlands War Song

CHORUS:
The call of the war drum pounds in my heart
I'm armored for battle, ready to start
Let all our foes, both far and near
Tremble in fear, for the Outlands is here!

1. As evening sets I hone my blade,
And think on how a hero is made,
For though my armor's old and worn,
War comes with the morn.

2. Morning dawns in soggy mist,
But I'll not be deterred by this;
War comes whether we will or no,
So off to fight I go.

3. Our king has called us to his side,
We muster there in fiercest pride,
Let our enemies come if they will,
More blood for us to spill!

4. We don our helmets, grab our spears,
Troubled by no doubts or fears
We'll stand together, brave and true,
Til the last battle's through

5. As we march into the fray,
Our enemies are heard to say,
"Grip your sword, and raise your shield;
"The Outlands is on the field!"

6. Our swords swing true, our axes strike
Foreign knights and kings alike,
Til all that the Stag can see
Is Outlands victory

7. The battle is over, the day is near done
And whether this day we've lost or won,
We'll gather together and be of good cheer,
For the Outlands is here!

Written by Lady Elaisse de Garrigues,
Windhover Bard of the Outlands

From the al-Barran War Coordinator

Greetings unto the great Barony of al-Barran!

WAR! Allow me to repeat – WAR!!

I call for all good gentles of al-Barran. Warriors, artists, cooks, dancers, healers – ALL of the good folk of al-Barran. The greatest wars are when al-Barran goes in force and shows all aspects of what a great Barony is; on and off of the field.

Here is what is planned to date. Fighting for three days starting on Friday. I wish to know how many fighters (light and heavy) will be ready and on the field when the call is made Friday morning. Healers and water bearers – no army moves without you. I also need to know how many healers and water bearers we have for the call.

Saturday holds more. Arts and science, fighting, and much more. Are you ready? Saturday night is our famous stews; one spicy and one not. There will also be a celebration on Saturday night with competitions for folks of different ages. Prizes for the winners, of course. It is a highly guarded secret but the grand prize for Saturday is spectacular.

How about breakfast? Yes, breakfast burritos for the army and the volunteers of al-Barran. Other fine nibbles for those that wish.

To make this war better requires coordination. Here is what I need to know from you.

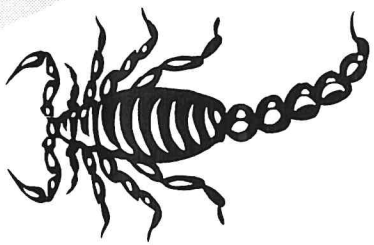
Are you fighting? Heavy _____ Light _____
Marshalling (even for one fight)? Heavy _____ Light _____
Water Bearing? _____ Healer (must have pre-qualified)? _____
For any of the questions listed above, which days?
Fri ___ Sat ___ Sun ___

Server for morning breakfast? Fri ___ Sat ___ Sun ___
Server for stew and Saturday night celebration? _____

My thanks to those that go, that have fun, and that volunteer. Nothing would happen without the volunteers. Not sure if you want to volunteer? Talk with me in private and I will share some stories with you. Not all of the tales are from fighting.

Please send me your information via email (sirdenniswright@comcast.com) or by hand (I should be at the park on Sundays).

Yours in service,
Sir Dennis the Wright



Outlands & al-Barran Happenings at WAR

Wednesday, February 11
Estrella War XX opens!!

Thursday, February 12
11:00 AM Outlands Tournament, Main Battlefield in front of Outlands Royal
8:00 PM Outlands Revel The Black and White Buccaneer Bash", Outlands Royal

Friday, February 13
-Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA
3:00 PM Kingdom of the Outlands hosts Youth Combat Tournaments under Kingdom of Atenveldt rules, Main Battle Field "C". (1:30 pm list open at youth center)
-Afternoon court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA

Saturday, February 14
-Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA
-Afternoon court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA
-al-Barran Guido & Cordon Scorpion Court around sunset
-The ONE and ONLY al-Barran Baronial Beef Stew after Guido & Cordon Scorpion Court
8:00 PM Outlands Bardic, Outlands Royal Encampment

Sunday, February 15
-Muster Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA
-Evening Court (at Outlands Royal Pavilion) Time TBA

Monday, February 16
Site closes; tear down

NOTE: I may have missed some of the happenings at war for the Outlands and al-Barran, but I hope this gives everybody a good guess.—KR

Summer Camping Check List

Food and Such

Ice	Ice chest	Coffee pot	Aluminum foil
Charcoal	Starter fluid	Potholders	Lighter/matches
Food	Drinks	Camp stove	Brazier/hibachi
Dishes	Silverware	Seasonings	Cooking utensils
Teapot	Cleaning supplies		

Camping Accessories, etc.

Tent	Sunshade	Blankets	Sleeping bags
Mattress/foam pad	Sewing kit	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Shovel	Rake	Dust Pan	Chairs
Garbage bags	Hammer/mallet	Pillows	Period covers
Rugs	Medications	Spirits	Duct tape
Towels	Washcloths	Broom	Lanterns
Table	Rope	Sharp Utility knife	Comb/brush
Butane/propane	Soap & shampoo	Candles/ light sources	

Other Stuff

Clothing (period & OOP)		Boots	Shoes
Armor	Armor repair kit	Money	Pet food
Pet	Leash	Sunscreen	Water
First aid kit	Phone card	Map to site	
Membership card			

The Three Ravens

There were three ravens sat on a tree,
They were as black as they might be.

The one of them said to his mate,
'Where shall we our breakefast take?'

'Downe in yonder greene field,
There lies a knight slain under his shield.

'His hounds they lie downe at his feete,
So well they can their master keepe.

'His haukes they flie so eagerly,
There's no fowle dare come him nie.'

Downe there comes a fallow doe,
As great with yong as she might goe.

She lift up his bloudy hed,
And kist his wounds that were so red.

She got him up upon her backe,
And carried him to earthen lake.

She buried him before the prime,
She was dead herselfe ere even-song time.

God send every gentleman,
Such haukes, such hounds, and such a leman.

Refrain: Downe a downe, hay down, hay downe", etc. alternating with the lines.

first printed in Ravenscroft's Melismata, a song-book of 1611

The Three Ravens Notes

1] This ballad was first printed in Ravenscroft's Melismata, a song-book of 1611, and variant versions were recorded as late as the 19th century. It is the only English ballad in this collection.

The ballad has a refrain, "Downe a downe, hay down, hay downe", etc. alternating with the lines.

11] a fallow doe. The knight's lady is meant.
16] lack. Pit.
17] prime. The first hour of the day.
20] leman. Sweetheart.

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Sunday	Monday	Tu
1 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	2 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Projec
8 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	9 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
15 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing *ESTRELLA WAR*	16 Gammer Gurton's Needle *ESTRELLA WAR*	Project
22 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	23 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
29 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing		

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Blaiddwyn Conclave	4 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	5	6	7 Archery & Equestrian Practices
10 Blaiddwyn Conclave	11 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice *ESTRELLA WAR*	12 -Equestrian Practice *ESTRELLA WAR*	13 *ESTRELLA WAR*	14 *ESTRELLA WAR*
17 Blaiddwyn Conclave	18 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	19	20	21 Archery & Equestrian Practices
24 Blaiddwyn Conclave	25 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	26 -A&S Knowledge Exchange & Wkshp	27	28 *Al-Barran* *Science Fair*
			Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 18 & 19. Also check the A&S letter on page 6 for the others.	

Words of Love

French - Je t'aime
Spanish - Te amo
German - Ich liebe dich
Hebrew - Ani ohev otakh
Italian - Ti amo
Russian - Ya lyublyu tyebya
Chinese - Wo ai nei
Turkish - Seni seviyo*rum
Norwegian - Eg elskar deg
English - I Love You

February Dates

February 2—Groundhog Day
February 6—Full Moon
February 14--St. Valentine's Day
February 16—President's Day
February 25 Ash Wednesday

More than Just Surviving in the SCA

SCA hospitality being what it is, surviving an event is really not an issue. You will always be surrounded by friends and family who are not going to let you starve or make you sleep out in the rain. However, everyone will like you even more if you do not always show up around mealtimes and then crash in their tent. Providing for your own needs enables you to enjoy yourself more. Providing for your own needs means more than bringing your own tent and sleeping bag. It means packing a few extra things to keep you comfortable. Over the past couple of years, I have learned a few tips on how to keep myself comfortable so I can relax and enjoy the event. I have compiled a list of tips and necessities from many sources including The Knowne World Handbook, several different handouts, talking to a lot of people, and personal experience. Many of these things you can survive without, but I have found SCA living to be much more enjoyable with. I strongly recommend you create your own list that you can refer to before each event. If you discover some new tips for comfort, share them with others.

CAMPING:

1. KEEP YOUR BODY CLEAN. Bathe just before leaving for an event. You may not get to for a few days. If you have long hair, braid it. It will stay cleaner. Clip your fingernails. For extended camping, bring a solar shower.
TOILETRIES: Baby wipes, wash basin, wash cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush/comb, deodorant, small mirror, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, Kleenex, feminine needs, lotion, solar shower, bathing tunic, towel
2. CONSIDER YOUR MEDICAL NEEDS. Camping in the Outlands tends to entail a lot of sun and even more dust and cactus. Be prepared for reactions due to these factors.
MEDICINES AND FIRST AID: sunscreen, tweezers, pain reliever, antihistamine, Pedialyte, baby powder, eye drops, bug repellent, white vinegar spray, Alka-Seltzer, band aids, antiseptic, saline nasal spray
*Upon arrival, find out who the chirurgeons is and where they are located, just in case.
3. KEEP WARM/COOL. Expect all types of weather. Afternoon temperatures in the mountains can reach into the high eighties after a morning in the fifties. You also must be prepared for wind, rain, hail, sleet, and snow. Anticipate the temperature change in the evening. Put on warm clothes before you get cold. During the heat of the day, carry a small shoulder bag that can hold a bottle of water. Wear layers of clothes to insulate from heat and cold. Use natural fabrics.
CLOTHING: thermals, socks (2 pair/day), underwear, hood, warm hat, gloves, sunshade hat, shoes (2 pair), trunk, wool tunic, pants/leggings, light tunics, belts, accessories (jewelry, scarves, make-up, etc.), cloak, poncho
*On a hot day, make ice cream. In a clean 1 lb. coffee can, put 1 pint of half and half, 1/2 cup sugar, and 2 tsp. vanilla. Put the lid on the can and set it inside a 3 lb. coffee can. Fill the space between the two cans well with alternating layers of ice and rock salt until the small can is completely covered and the can is full. Put the lid on the big can (The little can and stuff are inside.) and roll it back and forth for 15-20 minutes. Then, take the little can out, wipe off the lid, open it up, and Tah-Dah!, you have ice cream. We usually pour chocolate syrup on top and eat it right out of the can.
4. SLEEP WELL. Many people, including myself, like to stay up very late at camping events. So, it is important that the sleep you do get is good. If you

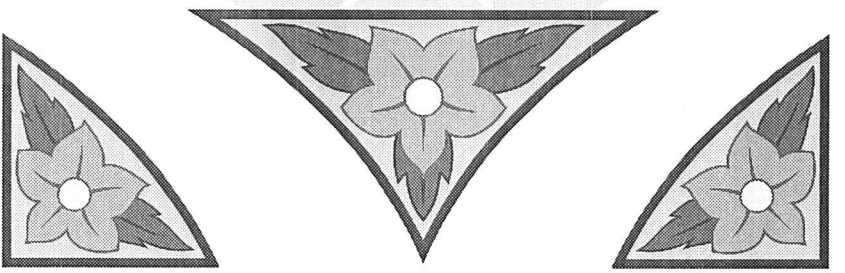
get tired in the afternoon, take a short nap. At night, a warm rock from around the campfire can be wrapped in a towel and put in the foot of your sleeping bag for extra warmth.
SLEEPING GEAR: mattress, pillows, sleeping bag, extra blankets, flashlight, tent ground cloth, hammer, stakes, clock
5. KEEP A CLEAN, COMFORTABLE CAMP. Make your camp a place where you can relax and lounge around after a long day of fighting. Carpets out front help to keep the dust and mud out of the tent. Burning incense helps to keep the bugs away.
CAMP GEAR: carpet, pillows, chairs, broom, folding table, Japanese lanterns, torches & fuel, citronella candle, ashtrays, trash bags, folding shovel, mirror, candles & holders, tapestries & banners, shade pavilion, wind chimes, incense, fire pit, wood, axe, fire extinguisher
6. EAT AND DRINK WELL. Avoid food poisoning by keeping foods cool. Have separate coolers for food and drink so that the one with the food can be kept closed more. Freeze water in small bottles and use as ice in coolers. Wash and rinse dishes really well. Store everything in Tupperware. Eat breakfast. Drink lots of water. Prepare as much as you can in advance and freeze it. (Have one cooler just for ice for ice cream!)
KITCHEN STUFF: stove, coffee pot, griddle, frying pan, big pot, medium pot, cutting board, knives, napkins, dish soap, wash basin, wash cloth, hot pads, wooden spoon, coolers, water jugs, paper towels, Ziploc bags, matches, turner, tongs, mixing bowl, plates, mugs, bowls, silverware, ladle, can opener, propane grill, grill for campfire, propane, spices, covers, tea kettle, bottle opener/cork screw, tin foil, dish towel, scouring pad
7. HAVE FUN!
AMUSEMENTS: arms and armour, musical instruments, sketch pad, camera and film, games, embroidery, wares to sell, archery gear

With all this stuff, not only will you be comfortable, you will be ready for just about any situation that may arise.

(I find some of this article funny now... I really do bring all this stuff when going to Outlandish!)

Fermina here, again. I wrote this article within the first couple of years I started playing SCA for a Newcomers' Collegium. Over the years, I have referred to it often when getting ready for a camping event. I have added a few thing and eliminated a few as my needs have changed. I hope this may be helpful for some of you who have not done much camping.

Posted to the al-Barran list on January 26th, 2002.



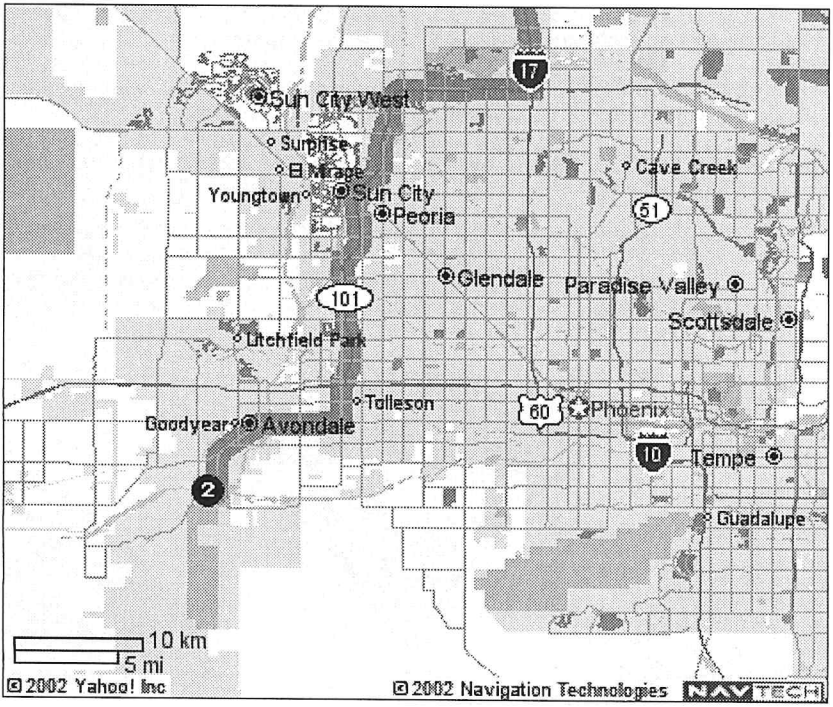
Estrella War Driving Directions

For those of you making the journey for the first time, and those who need the directions again:

From Albuquerque, NM using I-40 west: Take I-40 west from Albuquerque to Flagstaff, AZ (approx. 322 miles) Take I-17 South to Phoenix (approx. 124 miles). At the I-17 /I-10 interchange take the ramp marked "I-10 West - Los Angeles." After you have passed the Litchfield Road exit , Look for Exit #126 Pebble Creek/ Estrella Parkway, exit ,and turn left (south). Drive South 5 miles. Immediately after you cross the bridge over the Gila River you will make a left turn (east) onto W. Vineyard Avenue . Drive .7 mile to Casey Abbot Rd. (main park entrance)

Driving time: About 8 hours

***NOTE: The route line marked on the map does not match the above directions completely, I could not make the map do that. he map is from Yahoo maps link via the EW website.*



al-Barran Science Fair

Barony of al-Barran
February 28th, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)
UNM Student Union Building
Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens 10:00 am, Hall Closes 6:00 pm;
Event moves to Duck Pond afterwards
Event is FREE
Site is Dry

Suppose you actually woke up right in the midst of the Middle Ages. Would you know how to brew, make dye, navigate, or tell time as it was done in period? Well, people back then knew how to do exactly these things and more with none of the high-tech tools we have today. Now is the time we learn how it was done. Now is the time we see how people of the Middle Ages applied the science of their time to live their lives, make a living, and explore the known world and beyond.

All day long there will be classes to teach you how to do all these things and more. Classes to include: Brewing, Leather Preparation, Shoe Patterning, Celestial Navigation, Herbalism, and more. After a day full of knowledge, you will be able to make a good brew, use the stars to get back to your tent after testing it out, and make boots that keep you from getting footsore if you've been testing your new brew a little too much. Basically, everything a camping event needs. There will also be a TRI-FOLD competition. It will be the perfect way to showcase what we do, how it works, why it works, where and when it worked, and how you can learn it too. To enter the project display competition, you need a three-sided project board, available at any hobby or craft store (or can be made at home). It should display a summary of your project, any photos or drawings should be included, and text should be legible from several feet away. You will need two copies of a detailed account of your science project, including any and all of your sources.

Everyone who enters will get a prize from THL Gonner's treasure chest. You know what Gonner's prizes are like... In addition the college of Blaiddwyn will be running a fund-raising grill after the hall closes. The grill will be located at the Duck Pond, so bring your appetite.

Directions to site: From I-25 turn east onto Central Ave. Take Central Ave. for .9 miles and then turn north onto Yale Blvd. Parking is free on Saturday on UNM Campus. The Student Union Building is located in the central portion of campus east of the Duck Pond.

Autocrat: Lady A'isha bint Asad ud-Din, phone (505) 573-0921 or email a_isha30@hotmail.com
Co-Autocrat: THLord Gonner, phone (505) 256-7292

"I felt as though I flung pebbles on the beach, while the whole sea of knowledge lay undiscovered before me" Sir Isaac Newton

Don't let this happen to you. Come to the al-Barran Science Faire...and explore that sea. Be better than Newton.

2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium

Barony of al-Barran
Saturday, March 27, AS XXXVIII (2004)
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

It is my honor and pleasure to announce that al-Barran will host the 2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium on Saturday, March 27 at the University of New Mexico. A wonderful menu has been designed by Mistress Cailte Caitchairn (karobert@unm.edu), food coordinator for this event. A website is already in progress to keep you posted as classes are planned and scheduled. There will be classes designed for newcomers as well as for novice and experts in both heraldic and scribal endeavors. Heavy and light weapons fighting are planned so that those interested in field heraldry will have their forum as well.

We welcome instructors for both heraldry and scribal classes. To schedule a heraldry class please contact Mistress Tatiana, White Stag Principal Herald, at tatiana@rialto.org, and to schedule a scribal class please contact Mistress Bennet Murray, Kingdom Scribe, at bennetbev@aol.com. To volunteer your service please contact me at the email below.

This promises to be an exciting and fun event, so mark the day on your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for future postings.

Autocrat: Maria Sol de Leon email mariasol@ norsemail.com

Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball

College of Blaiddwyn
Student Union Building Ballroom, University of New Mexico
Saturday, March 27, XXXVIII (2004)
Site opens at 7 PM and closes at 11PM
No site fee and the site is dry

Come Heralds & Scribes, come one, and come all to the lovely Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball! Visit with fellow scribes, heralds, new friends and old. It is time new Heralds, to entertain us and be bold. Come use your new heraldry skills to herald the dances and announce the entertainment of song, music & dancers! Come show off your heraldic garb, your banners, tell war tales, and dance to the beautiful music by the musicians of Scorpion Scales. Scribes, show us your scrolls and illuminations, so wondrous on tables set to display them, a tribute to Scribes among us. Or bring your board games and try your skills at games of chances. Your hosts are Scorpion Scales, Blaiddwyn & the al-Barran Court Dancers Come Heralds & Scribes, come one, and come all to the lovely Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball!

For more information, go to the link off of the al-Barran website, www.al-Barran.org or the Heralds & Scribes Symposium website, www.unm.edu/~mariasol/h&s/

Directions: Take I-25 south past the Big I to the Central Street exit #

224. Turn left onto Central and go about one mile to the light at Stanford Drive. Turn left onto the UNM campus and go to the stop sign at Redondo Road. The Student Union Building (SUB) is behind (to the north of) Popejoy Hall, just to your left. The SUB is also the third building to the east of Mitchell Hall, the site for the Heralds & Scribes Symposium. For a map of the UNM campus, go to www.unm.edu/campusmap.pdf

Co-autocrats: Lady Barbara (Barbara Krege), krege@aps.edu, 505-293-7453 & Lord Gauvain Eisenbein (Jeff King), gauvain_eisenbein@yahoo.com, 385-4110

Sworded Affaire

Barony of al-Barran
April 3, AS XXXVIII (2004)
Moriarty Civic Center, 202 Broadway Moriarty, NM 87035
Site opens 8:30 am and site closes 11:00 pm
FEES: site only: ages 6-12 $3 /ages 13 & up $7 (this includes lunch)
Site and feast: ages 6-12 $5 /ages 13 and up $10;
5 and under FREE / $3 surcharge for non-members
Make checks payable to : *SCA al-Barran*
Site is discreetly wet - period containers only please.
No pets allowed.

Explorations of the 16th century!
A day filled with classes on the art of the Rapier as well as ones filled with arts and sciences. There will be a light lunch served during the classes. A tournament in the morning, one in the afternoon with possible melees to follow. In the evening there is a wondrous feast that will be served at la Clairiere de la Nymphe when we finally pull into port on the beautiful Island of Tortuga.

Evenings Feast Menu

1st Remove

Focaccia (Italy) — Mushroom Pasties (France) — Crostini di Fegatini (Italy)

2nd Remove

Fresh Greens (Spain) — Tender Beans (Spain) — Braised Spring Greens (England)

3rd Remove

Green Pea Pottage (England) — Beef and Pork Stew (Portugal) — Pepper Rolls (Italy)

4th Remove

Grilled Steaks (England) — Pork Roast w/ Spiced Wine (England)

5th Remove

Sugar Candies (Spain) — Pear and Honey Loaf Cake (France)

Struffoli (Italy) — Nipples of Venus (France & Italy)

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RESERVATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 25TH!!!
If you or someone you know would like to teach a class contact the class co-ordinators listed below as soon as possible for class space is limited.

Directions to the site: Head East from Albuquerque for approx. 29 miles. Take the second Moriarty exit (EXIT 196), at the stop sign take a right (SOUTH), at the stop light take another right (WEST). Go .2 miles make a left onto Broadway (next to the post office). Go .2 miles, and Civic Center is on the left across the street for City Hall.

Autocrat: Don Govanen Blackwell (Kris Robbins) 505-281-4655 or Govanen@aol.com
Deputy: Don Rudger Emerys (Dean Vickrey) RudgerX@aol.com
Head Cook: Lady Bronwen Blackwell (Reta Bray) 505-281-1066 or Lady-Blackwell@postmark.net
Reservations: Lady Isabella al-Harith (Ramona Apodaca) 505-235-9729 or LadyIsabella55@hotmail.com
Rapier Class Coordinator: Don Charles Robert Blackstone (Charles Winck-less) 505-980-5503 or charles@silvertyne.com
A&S Class Coordinator: Lady Emer de Fitton (Kim Butler) 505-293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu

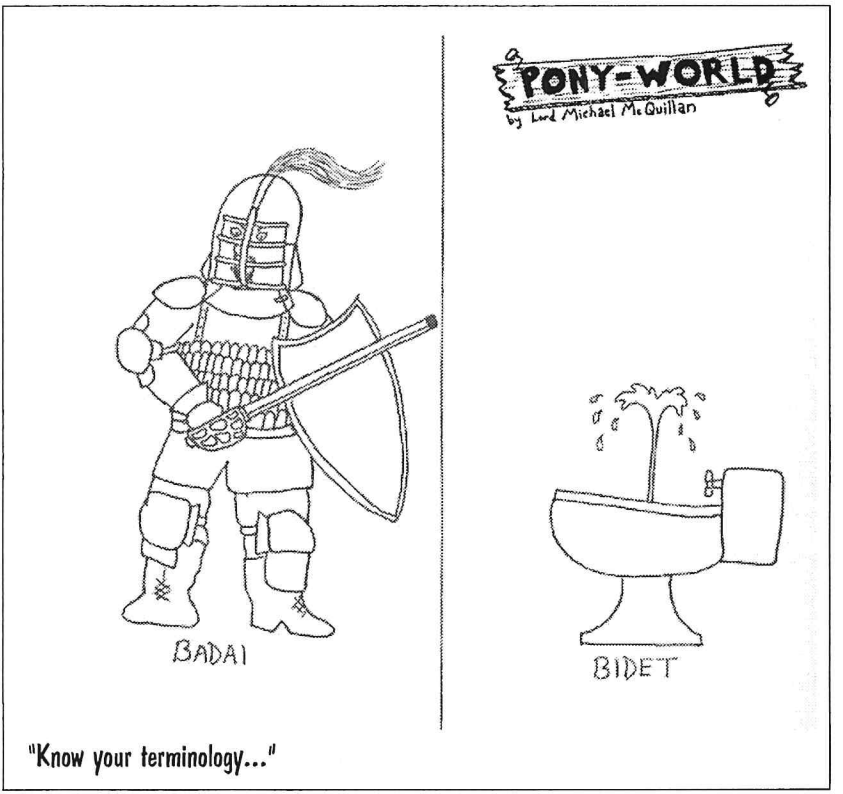
Roesselsprung

An Equestrian High Tournament
Barony of al-Barran
April 24th, XXXVIII (2004)
Vista Sandia Equestrian Park, Albuquerque, NM
Site Opens at 8:00 am; closes at 6:00 pm
FREE- No Site Fee
Site is dry!

A crash, like that of thunder heralding a spring rainstorm, is heard upon the wind across the Outlands. Our loyal steeds and their riders grow restless, with bits clinking in the stillness, before the opponents surge together to face one another again in the joust.

Let it be known that on the 24th day of the fourth month, being April, that there will be a tournament for equestrians held in the great Barony of al-Barran. This tournament will be held at intermediate and advanced levels only and will incorporate such skill at arms as jousting, mounted combat, and a hastiludes course (tipped weapons), which will include the quin-tain. Special authorizations are required for mounted combat and joust-ing. Everyone must be authorized prior to the day of the event. There will be no authorizations at the tournament- NO EXCEPTIONS. Full heraldic bard-ing is strongly encouraged. A limited number of horses are available and it is preferable that a rider practice and compete on the same horse, so reserva-tions and attendance at practice prior to the event are encouraged. Practice dates are listed on page 7 or page 23.

Please refer to the SCA Equestrian Handbook for more information on the 'tipped' weapons games for the hastiludes (javelin, pigsticking, ring tilt and



quintain) and for mounted combat. The handbook can be found at http://www.sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/equestrian/index.html Contact Lady Dubheasa for horse information and reservations as well as jousting authorization.

So gather your boots and polish your spurs for a grand display of pageantry and skill. Enjoy an afternoon at the German Equestrian High Tournament with blitzpferde und donnernde hoves!

Directions: From I-25, go East (toward the mountains) on Paseo Del Norte, then turn right on either Browning or Lowell (both are lights)- From Browning, take an immediate left and follow the park sign to the right into the parking lot. From Lowell, take an immediate right and follow the park sign to the left into the parking lot.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!
For Ground crew and Setup- please contact the autocrat

Autocrat and Horse Reservations: Lady Dubheasa Eachinse (Kari Rigg) 505-730-3999 khabaret@comcast.net
Equestrian Marshal in Charge: Lady Laurel O'Rourke (Laurel Elrick) 505-352-0548 lelrick@msn.com

Gammer Gurton's Needle

We had a wonderful turnout in January and many of the ladies are getting quite good at nalbinding (Viking finger weaving) thanks to excellent instructions from Lady Gytha. This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at two locations. The first 2 meetings on Feb. 2 and 9th will be hosted by Rosamond at her bookstore, Simmons & SImmons Books. The second two meetings on Feb. 16 and 23 will be hosted by Tanley MacGregor. The theme for the month is Favorite Books and we are also continuing our Nalbinding. Here are the details:

-First 2 meetings Feb. 2 & 9: Simmons & Simmons Books 4015 Central NE and phone 260-1620. The store is located halfway between the lights Washington and Carlisle and in the block between Morningside and Montclare NE. There is an alley running behind the store. There is a large parking lot and a back entrance next to the Albuquerque Social Club. You can park within the open gated enclosure and walk up the steps into the store. Rosamond will have her personal collection of old needlework and costume books, some as early as the 1700s. Please bring your favorite books to share and your Nalbinding.

-Second 2 meetings Feb. 16 & 23 at Tanley MacGregor's house, 3301 Monte Vista NE and phone 255-4642. She is on the NW corner of Campus and Monte Vista in the University area. You can park at the church across the street. The theme is still Books to Share and Practice Nalbinding.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston at 865-9082, ladyrosamond@abqsales.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946, HLDelia@aol.com.

Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

Court Dance practice for early February has been moved indoors, since the cold weather is hard on our musicians and their instruments. I've been traveling a lot lately, so please contact me at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for a confirmation of the dates, times, and locations of the dance practices or join the al-Barran music & dance list, alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com for the latest information about dance practices. Court dance practices are tentatively scheduled at fighter practice park for 2/29, 3/21, 3/28, 4/18 & 4/25 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm.

There will be court dancing at several events in the near future, March 27 is Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball at the UNM Student Union (article on page 18), Sworded Affaire on April 3rd and at both events will be the Scorpion Scales musicians, playing their wonderful music for us to dance to. They continue to inspire me with their dedication and hard work. They have learned 12 pieces of dance music and are currently learning 5 more. Their music practice is often coordinated with our dance practices, so that we can have dance practice to live music, as well as providing for the enjoyment of everyone at fighter practice. Those wishing to have the Scorpion Scales play at their event or demos, should contact Mei at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

In March and April we will be starting up maypole dancing and creating a few maypole dances; all to prepare for our "al-Barran May Day Celebration" at Bataan Park on May 2nd. Besides regular fighter practice, there will be a rapier tourney, a heavy weapons tourney, a "May Day Household Dance Competition", maypole dancing, court dancing, M.E. dancing & drumming, period games for children & adults, merchants, a SCA items swap meet, classes for newcomers, entertainment and singing. We hope all will come in garb and make merry with us. I am also looking for help to run the rapier and the heavy weapons tourneys.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 232-0457*

Court Dance Practice Court dance practices for February are moving indoors, at a place and dates, to be determined shortly. Check out the article on the facing page for full dates. Court dance practices are free and open to everyone, ages 7 and up. For the latest information, join the al-Barran court dancing and musicians list at **alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com**. *Please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for more information regarding dance practices.*

"Scorpion Scales" Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. New musicians are always welcome - non electric instruments preferred. Practices are held Sundays and Mondays. Sunday practices are held at the SUB on the UNM campus at 12 pm - 3:30 pm, thanks to support from Blaiddwyn. (When the weather turns nice again, Sunday practices will be held at fighter practice park at 12 pm.) Monday practices are held at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ) at 7 pm. Check for changes in practice times and locations, as well as download sheet music to practice, at **http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html** - for further information, please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei, at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Singing Practice Come sing on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm till whenever. *Contact Lord Tancred for directions, etc. at 268-4994 or by e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays and Sundays. Practice Dates Are: Feb. 21-22; March 6-7, 20-21; and April 10-11, 17-18. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice will continue on Wednesdays 6 pm-9 pm till December 17th in the SUB Ballroom B. It shall resume in early January. Typically there is light fighting. Heavy fighters are welcome but should bring someone to fight. The Ballroom is in the Northwest corner of the Mall level of the UNM Student Union Building. We are usually in Ballroom B; However, The SUB occasionally does last minute room changes, and so if you are unable to find us, please ask what room we are in at the information desk. Parking is always a problem at UNM. The SUB has a loading dock, and people can try and unload there. They then move their vehicles across Central. Please do not park in the loading dock.

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